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SUBJ: OPEC OIL AND GAS TANKER FLEET

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1. BASIC INFORMATION REQUESTED IN REF A ALREADY PROVIDED IN EMBASSY'S SHIPPING AIRGRAM (REF B) AND SUBSEQUENT UPDATES ON AMPTC ACTIVITIES AND GOK INTEREST IN PRODUCT TANKER FLEET (REFS B AND C). ONLY MAJOR CHANGE UP TO NOW HAS BEEN AMPTC'S CANCELLATION OF TWO VLCCS AND SUBSTITUTION OF TWO 75,000 CUBIC METER LPG CARRIERS. FOLLOWING TABLE SUMMARIZES CURRENT FLEET OF AMPTC, KOTC, AND GOK TANKER FLEET:

	TYPE		
COMPANY	VESSEL	OF VESSELS	CAPACITY
KOTC	CRUDE	7 IN OPERATION	1.153 MILLION DWT
		3 ON ORDER	984,000 DWT
AMPTC	CRUDE	7 IN OPERATION	1.386 MILLION DWT
		1 ON ORDER	386,000 DWT
	LPG	2 ON ORDER	75,000 CUBIC METERS
GOK	LPG	4 ON ORDER	72,000 CUBIC METERS
	PRODUCT	1 IN OPERATION	30,000 DWT
	(BUNKERAGE)		

2. FURTHER FLEET EXPANSION BY KOTC AND AMPTC AWAITS RECEIPT OF FIRMER SUPPORT FROM BOTH GOK AND ARAB GOVERNMENTS GENERALLY. IN KOTC CASE, DETAILS OF GOK PURCHASE OF 49 PERCENT IN PRIVATELY-OWNED KOTC HAVE NOT BEEN SETTLED YET. NEW 11-MAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROBABLY WILL NOT BEGIN OPERATIONS UNTIL AFTER RAMADAN (IN OCTOBER). IN AMPTC CASE, DEPRESSED TANKER MARKET HAS HURT ITS OPERATIONS BADLY. ONLY ONE OUT OF SEVEN SHIPS IS IN ACTUAL OPERATION. COMPANY WOULD LIKE MORE SUPPORT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM MEMBER STATES IN FORM OF PREFERENCES BEFORE CONSIDERING FURTHER EXPANSION.

3. ACCORDING TO SENIOR AMPTC OFFICIAL, PROME TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT ALGIERS AND SUBSEQUENT MEETING SWAS NEW PREFERENCE PROVISIONS FOR AMPTC VESSELS. COMPANY PRESENTED TO OAPEC REPRESENTATIVES FOLLOWING PREFERENCE MEASURES: (A) SOFT LOANS FROM MEMBER GOVERNMENTS; (B) EXEMPTION FROM ALL PORT DUES; (C) DISCOUNTS

ON BUNKERAGES RATES; (D) INCLUSION OF AMPTC VESSELS IN ALL  
NATIONAL OIL CARGO PREFERENCE SCHEMES, PREFERABLY THOSE INVOLVING  
INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES. OFFICIAL EXPECTED THAT NEXT MEETING  
OF OAPEC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (NOW SCHEDULED FO OCTOBER) WILL  
RESPOND FAVOURABLY TO THESE PROPOSALS.

4. DETAILS FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.  
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